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48/8. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/15 of 20 November 1990, 46/109 A and B of 17 December 1991 and 47/118 of 18 December 1992 concerning the situation in Central America, in which it welcomed the implementation of phases I and II of the National Conciliation Agreement on Economic and Social Matters concluded in Nicaragua on 26 October 1990 and 15 August 1991, and endorsed, in particular, the provision the concerning exceptional circumstances of Nicaragua and the invitation to the international community and the international funding agencies to provide effective and efficient support for the implementation of the Agreement,

Recalling also its resolution 47/169 of 22 December 1992 concerning the item entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters", in which it commended the international community for its work in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua and requested the continuation of the support to overcome the aftermath of the war and natural disasters and to stimulate the process of reconstruction and development,

Deeply concerned at the fact that the recent natural disasters and the burden of foreign debt are impeding Nicaragua's efforts to overcome the consequences of the war within the framework of a democracy and in the macroeconomic conditions already achieved,

Recognizing the efforts of the international community and the Government of Nicaragua to provide relief and emergency assistance to persons affected by the aftermath of the war, the floods, the volcanic eruption, the tidal wave and the recent hurricane,

Recognizing also that the intensive efforts of the Government of Nicaragua to promote economic reactivation within the framework of a process of adjustment with economic growth and development with equity have been hindered by situations of violence resulting from the aftermath of the war and by the needs of thousands of displaced persons, refugees and unemployed persons who must be integrated into the economic life of the country, as well as by the effects of natural disasters,

Recognizing further that the Government of Nicaragua is making considerable progress in securing a broad social consensus by means of a process of national dialogue for the adoption of measures to lay the foundations for reconstruction and economic and social development,

1. Commends the efforts made by the international community, including the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to supplement the action undertaken by the Government of Nicaragua in the task of rehabilitation and national reconstruction, as well as in providing emergency assistance;

2. Encourages the Government of Nicaragua to continue its efforts for reconstruction and national reconciliation;

3. Requests all Member States, the international funding agencies and regional, intraregional and non-governmental organizations to continue providing, in a flexible form, support to Nicaragua at the required levels, giving particular attention to the exceptional circumstances of Nicaragua, both to overcome the aftermath of the war and natural disasters and to stimulate the process of reconstruction, social investment, stabilization and development;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and in close cooperation with the Nicaraguan authorities, to provide all necessary assistance to activities for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, stabilization and development of that country and to continue to ensure the timely, comprehensive, flexible and effective formulation and coordination of programmes of the United Nations system in Nicaragua, given the importance of those activities for the consolidation of peace;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to provide Nicaragua, at the request of its Government, with all possible assistance to support the consolidation of peace, in areas such as the settlement of displaced and demobilized persons and refugees, land ownership and land tenure in rural areas, direct care for war victims, mine clearance and the overcoming of difficulties in the restoration of the productive areas of the country, and, in general, a process of sustained economic and social recovery and development that will render the peace and democracy achieved irreversible;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the action taken to implement the present resolution;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters".

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22 October 1993